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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ALLIES ON BREZHNEV

CONFERENCE PROPOSALS

REF: STATE 79059

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED WRITTEN OUTLINE OF U.S. POSITION ON ENVIRONMENT MEETING AND CONVEYED POINTS IN PARA 14 OF REFTEL ON ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY MEETINGS TO BURROWS AT FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (FCO). U.S. POSITION IN REFTEL PARAS 4, 6, 7, AND 10 HAD BEEN WELL UNDERSTOOD BV HMG IN LONDON.

2. BURROWS AND OTHER FCO OFFICIALS OFFERED FOLLOWING COMMENTS:

A) ENERGY MEETING. QUESTION OF ENERGY DIALOGUE WITH EASTERN EUROPE WILL HAVE TO BE FACED SOONER OR LATER, SO HMG SEES LITTLE HARM IN BEGINNING NOW.

B) ENVIRONMENT MEETING. HMG BELIEVES A TRULY STRICT APPLICATION OF THE CRITERIA WOULD ELIMINATE ALL THREE TOPICS, TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (TBAP) INCLUDED. THEY SEE TBAP AS A LOCALIZED PROBLEM NOT APPROPRIATE TO A WIDER CONTEXT. IN ANY EVENT, THEY DO NOT WANT TO GIVE UNDUE PROMINENCE TO TBAP. THE U.K. OPPOSES THE NORDIC CONCEPT OF A LEGALLY BINDING FRAMEWORK CONVENTION AND HAS THE SUPPORT OF THE FRG AND FRANCE ON THIS POINT. THEY AGREE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT THE LOW-AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY SUBJECT COULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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USED BY THE EAST TO OBTAIN WESTERN TECHNOLOGY EASILY BUT FEEL THIS ASPECT COULD BE WATCHED. THEY FAVOR THE INCLUSION OF THIS ITEM. FINALLY, THE EC WOULD INDEED PROPOSE TO LIMIT THE THIRD TOPIC TO TOXIC WASTES ALONE AND TO EXCLUDE TOXIC SUBSTANCES.

C) TIMING AND FLEXIBILITY. HMG WOULD NOT WISH TO SEE A DECISION TAKEN AT THE APRIL LL-2L ECE PLENARY FIXING THE FINAL OBJECTIVES OR PRECISE DATES OF ANY HIGH-LEVEL MEETING (HLM). THE PRINCIPLE TO HOLD AN HLM COULD BE AGREED, BUT GREATER PRECISION SHOULD BE LEFT TO BE WORKED OUT AT 34TH SESSION. THE OBJECT WOULD BE TO ENABLE THE WEST TO SAY NO TO THE CONFERENCE IF PRELIMINARY WORK SHOULD REVEAL A LACK OF COOPERATION FROM EASTERN COUNTRIES OR IF THE POLITICAL CLIMATE SHOULD CHANGE IN THE INTERIM.

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